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"At this point in its development, the F-22's 830-plus flight test hours make it the most extensively tested fighter in history."

--General Michael E. Ryan
Air Force chief of staff

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99th Civil Engineer Squadron Master Sgt. Kris Carapellotti, readiness operation superintendent, inspects a gas mask for flaws. Air Force-wide, almost 300,000 gas masks could be affected by a "disbonding" issue. Cracks can appear in the mask, rendering it unserviceable. Air Combat Command has issued guidance on the timeline and the proper inspection procedures. Here at Nellis, the inspections should be completed by mid-February. (Photo by Senior Airman Chris Flahive)

Gas mask inspections underway

By Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi
AWFC Public Affairs

The Air Force units worldwide were recently notified to inspect all gas masks because of a separation or "disbonding" in some of the masks.

"Unit mobility deployment managers on Nellis will be trained to inspect the masks," said Master Sgt. Kris Carapellotti, 99th Civil Engineer Squadron's readiness operation superintendent. "Here at Readiness, we've developed a checklist to go by. The UMD's can go back to their units and pull all the masks and inspect them."

According to Air Force offi-

cials, engineering evaluations are underway to determine how the disbonding affects the masks' performance. With 289,000 masks in the Air Force inventory, it is not known how many are affected.

"We aren't taking any chances with our airmen's lives," said Sgt. Carapellotti. "Checking the masks is pretty easy, only three or four minutes to do it right, but it's vital we get it done quickly and identify any problems right away."

The Air Force also has commissioned an independent engineering evaluation to analyze the area where the disbonding or separation is occurring to determine

the cause and degree to which the disbonding affects the mask's ability to protect the people wearing them. This evaluation is scheduled to be completed by the end of January. The manufacturer is also doing a study of the material that is used to make the masks, to determine if the disbonding can be prevented in any way.

"Here at Nellis we are right on track to complete our base-wide inspection before the February deadline set by ACC," said Sgt. Carapellotti. "If you ever have to wear a mask in combat, the last thing you need to worry about is a defective mask. These inspections should put everyone's mind at ease."



AF picks preferred home for Global Hawk

The Air Force announced Beale Air Force Base, Calif., as its preferred location for the first main operating base of the Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle. Other basing options for the Global Hawk include Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.; Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.; Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.; and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Global Hawk is an unmanned aerial vehicle that provides battlespace commanders high-altitude, long-endurance and near-real-time intelligence.

The commander of Air Combat Command, Gen. John P. Jumper, said, "The Global Hawk system has so much potential that, when all is said and done, I predict it will be like the C-47: the Air Force will have many of them. It is likely that the first beddown location will be just that, the first, not the last. It is important that the first Global Hawk site be the best place for us to find out all we can about its capability, and the best place to fold it into a critical ongoing mission.

"Co-locating Global Hawk with



Beale Air Force Base, Calif., was the preferred location for the first main operating base of the Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle, Air Force officials announced Jan. 19. Global Hawk provides battlespace commanders high-altitude, long endurance and near-real-time intelligence. (Courtesy photo)

Beale's 9th Reconnaissance Wing and the U-2 mission will ensure Global Hawk transitions smoothly from initial beddown to full operational capability. It also ensures that cultural issues associated with transitioning from manned to

unmanned reconnaissance are in the hands of our current strategic reconnaissance experts at Beale. They are best suited to complete the transition with the least disruption to the mission," said Jumper.

Air Force officials are confident the Global Hawk program will be a tremendous success. As such, the bases which were not identified as the preferred alternative are likely candidates for future follow-on missions and basing.

The basing decision is not final. The final decision will be made once the environmental assessment is completed. This analysis is slated for completion this March. The environmental impact analysis process examines issues such as land use, airspace and safety, air and water quality, noise, socioeconomic impacts, biological and cultural resources, quality of training and cumulative impacts.

The Air Force anticipates the first of the 18 primary aircraft and personnel to begin arriving at the main operating base between fiscal years 2002 and 2003, with initial capability to support limited operations beginning in fiscal year 2003. The fiscal year begins Oct. 1 and runs through Sept. 30.

Editor's note: Information provided by Air Combat Command News Service.

Comptroller notes: W-2s may be inaccurate

The 99th Comptroller Squadron and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service have identified a problem with the W-2s that were sent to members last week.

The problem affects those individuals who received combat zone tax exclusions during the year. The problem right now is limited to those individu-

als who were in a tax exclusion status during December 2000, but anyone who received the tax exclusion during the year is encouraged to scrutinize their W-2s for accuracy. Do not file your taxes until you are confident that your W-2 is correct.

The 99th CPTS is working to identify individuals who are affected and will be notifying them within the next couple of days.

Once identified, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will be notified and corrected W-2s will be sent out. Anyone with questions can call finance customer service at 652-4844.

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Nellis seeking volunteers

By Ms. Martine Ramos
AWFC Public Affairs

Numerous members of Team Nellis generously volunteer their precious off-duty time and energy to projects on base and in the Southern Nevada community. Whether it's Christmas in April, Red Cross, hospital, chapel or community cleanup activities, there are countless opportunities for hard-working selfless people to get involved in volunteer activities.

For this reason, we have added a Volunteer Opportunities heading to our Nellis Living section of the BULLSEYE.

"Nellis has always stepped up when it comes to volunteering," said Colonel Robert Lynn, 99th Air Base Wing vice commander.

"Some of our people have earned awards in the community for selflessly going above and beyond the call of duty to make life easier for other people."

If you search out opportunities to volunteer, or if you know of organizations that are requesting volunteers, this is the place to start.

"The Las Vegas area recognizes that Nellis people are among the most helpful and generous around," Col. Lynn said. "That's why they always come to us."

To list volunteer opportunities in the BULLSEYE, e-mail submissions to us at bullseye10@earthlink.com or fax them to 652-9838 by Monday of the week of publication. Contact public affairs at 652-2750 for more information.



Future officers visit 66th

2nd Lt. Sean Tucker, 66th Rescue Squadron, gives a tour of an HH-60 to visiting Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn., on Tuesday. (Photo by Senior Airman Chris Flahive)



Red Flag approaches

Scores of vehicles wait patiently for their drivers in the Red Flag parking lot. The vehicles are prepositioned for the next Red Flag, starting Saturday and running through Feb. 10. (Photo by Senior Airman Chris Flahive)

Air Force Association to meet

The Thunderbird Chapter of the Air Force Association (AFA) will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the Nellis Air Force Base Officers' Club. Call 655-2241 for more information.

Correction

The editor's note in last week's Bullseye mistakenly referred to Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland O'Quinn as Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland. We regret the error.





Action Line

commander.action@nellis.af.mil

652-4636



Col. Del Eulberg 99th Air Base Wing commander

Nellis' Action Line is your direct line to the 99th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Del Eulberg. If you have worked through normal channels and are not satisfied with the answer, the Action Line is your opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about the subjects of concern to the Nellis community.

Please leave your name and phone number in case more specific information is required. You may also use our e-mail at: commander.action@nellis.af.mil. Action Lines of general interest will be published in the Bullseye; others will be answered by phone. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the office that is responsible. This gives them a chance to help you and perhaps improve the process.

Helpful phone numbers

BX Customer Service - 644-2044

Commissary - 643-7919

Child Development Center I - 652-4241

Recognize the bottom line

By CMSgt Doug Clark
99th Civil Engineer Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight

Bottom line, our job is to kill people and destroy property. Recently, it was brought to my attention that I have a tendency to skip right to the "bottom line" of issues. Whether I agree or disagree, well, the jury is still out, with one exception.

Bottom line, in wartime, when the diplomats and the politicians have failed, our job is to kill people and destroy property. Whether you're in the cockpit of an F-16, applying your expertise managing the pay of Air Force personnel or up on the Nevada Test and Training Range disposing of thousands of dud submunitions, we all contribute to the successful completion of

the bottom line.

Why is this concept important for us all to understand? Because our enemies' bottom line is the same as ours, except they are looking to destroy our valuable resources and kill our people.

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**Chief Master Sgt. Doug Clark
99th Civil Engineer Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight**

Doubts? Here are a couple of reminders: the USS Cole, two U.S. embassies, the Dhahran barracks, Desert Storm.

Recognition of the bottom line is critical to fully appreciating

the necessity of warskills training, especially important now as we prepare for our Operational Readiness Inspection in October. Sucking rubber, diving for cover, Alarm Red/MOPP 4, ordnance reconnaissance - all are necessary to ensure we're ready.

Will we ever need to apply these skills for real? Hopefully not. Hopefully, the size of our stick and world-wide recognition that we are the best at what we do will maintain peace, but when it doesn't and we're called upon by our national leaders to wield the stick and apply our war skills,

let's be ready. Don't be timid. Attack these training opportunities, be the best you can possibly be in your chosen profession. Be ready for the bottom line.



Know rules before taking extra jobs

By Capt. Jesse Arnstein
305th Air Mobility Wing legal office

Some Air Force people moonlight at other jobs to either make ends meet, pay off bills or just have extra spending money. They tend bars, toss pizzas, cut hair, stock shelves and more.

Air Force people who are thinking about starting an extra job should remember their obligations to the Air Force. Off-duty employment rules are punitive, and violators are subject to disciplinary action.

Military members are required to receive approval from their supervisors and commanders via an AF Form 3902 before beginning off-duty employment. This form can be found on the Air Force Publications Web site at afpubs.hq.af.mil. Supervisors normally approve requests, but there are certain types of activities that should not be approved, such as:

- Jobs that create a conflict of interest;
- Jobs that detract from readiness;
- Jobs involving dangerous activity; and
- Jobs that bring discredit upon the armed forces.

For instance, a request to work as a

bullrider in a rodeo may not be approved because of the danger involved, and a request to be a go-go dancer would probably be disapproved because it could bring discredit upon the armed forces. Locally, this could extend to certain types of casino work, employment in a strip club or being

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a driver at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. A request to work 40 hours per week at another job would likely be disapproved because of the time demand.

These restrictions also apply if military people are engaged in outside employment that does not pay a salary. For instance, approval from your supervisor and commander is needed before volunteering at a local fire department, even if there is no compensation attached.

There are more complex rules for certain medical people, which are detailed in Air Force Instruction 44-102, Community Health Management.

Finally, if the additional employer asks a military member to sign a contract, you should review the document carefully before signing. Sometimes these contracts contain a “covenant not to compete” clause. This provision might prohibit you from taking a subsequent job in the same vicinity and field as your current job. If so, this may hamper future job prospects. People should read over any contract very carefully and fully understand the commitment they are asked to make.

SHARE offers home school support

SHARE (Sharing Homes and Resources for Education) is a Christian home school group for military families. It exists to offer support, fun activities, educational experiences and friendship for home schooling families. SHARE welcomes families of all faiths, enlisted or officer, active duty or retired. Meetings are on the fourth Friday of every month at 11 a.m. at Freedom Park on the main base. The next meeting is today.



Honor guard...a cut above the rest!!

By Ms. Martine Ramos
AWFC Public Affairs

The flag snaps with every fold as the soft sound of taps echoes in the distance. The sharply dressed airman smartly salutes as the flag is passed to the stern-faced NCO. The NCO then presents it to the teary-eyed family member of the deceased veteran who served with honor. Members of the Nellis Honor Guard experience this solemn ritual daily.

Composed of 30 dedicated volunteers from more than 25 squadrons and tenant units, the Nellis Honor Guard provides ceremonial support within a four-state area, which includes 16 counties in Nevada, Arizona, California and Utah. These volunteers perform ceremonial duties for 120 consecutive days, making Nellis one of a few bases that employs a full-time honor guard.

The NCOIC is hand-selected by base leadership to perform his or her duty for one year. The current NCOIC, Master Sgt. Ernest Gibson of the 99th Security Forces Squadron, is a former military training instructor and United States Air

performed more than 900 funerals, color guards, retirements and parades, earning them the distinction as the busiest base Honor Guard in the Air Force, second only to the United States Air Force Honor Guard in Washington, D.C.

more of honor guard details. Receipt of the badge designates a person as being an official Air Force honor guardsman. Nellis' team has performed 4,015 man-hours of ceremonies in fewer than 120 days. This equates to one airman performing every hour for 167 consecutive days!

Honor guard professionals are trained in a rigorous two-week course, often with no previous honor guard experience, to go before high-ranking military and civilians performing at the highest level achievable. Their performances are scrutinized and evaluated by their NCOIC.

There's no doubt that these dedicated airmen proudly represent each and every one of us when they perform. So next time you see one of them, let them know that their efforts are appreciated because they are truly, the "ambassadors of the United States Air Force."

"Like my predecessors, I demand only the highest levels of integrity, professionalism and dedication from Honor Guard members."

**Master Sgt. Ernest Gibson
99th Security Forces Squadron**

Force Honor Guard member.

"Like my predecessors, I demand only the highest levels of integrity, professionalism and dedication from Honor Guard members," said Master Sgt. Gibson. "I firmly believe this is necessary to ensure the history and traditions of Honor Guard service remain unblemished".

In 1999, the Honor Guard

In 2000, the Nellis Honor Guard performed approximately 600 details and recently accomplished an incredible milestone. Every member from the final 2000 team earned the honor guard Cookie badge, a first-time accomplishment for the entire team. The Cookie badge is presented Air Force-wide for participating in 120 hours or



Commissary offers scholarships for high school seniors

FORT LEE, Va. — The February 15 deadline is fast approaching for students to apply for a new scholarship program funded by manufacturers and business partners of the commissary system.

The Scholarships For Military Children program offers college-bound or college-enrolled military children the opportunity to apply for \$1,500 scholarships.

One scholarship per commissary location is planned, dependent on the receipt of qualified applications at the location. The Defense Commissary Agency operates nearly 300 commissaries worldwide.

The scholarships are open to qualified sons and daughters of U.S. military identification card holders to include active duty, retirees, and guardsmen and reservists. Eligibility of applicants, including survivors of deceased members, will be determined using the DoD ID Card Directive (i.e., age 21, or up to the 23rd birthday if still enrolled as a full-time student).

Completed applications should be returned to a lo-

cal commissary no later than close of business, Feb. 15, 2001, where a store official will validate eligibility by checking the applicant's dependent ID card.

Applicants must have a 3.0 grade point average and write a short essay on "What Being a Military Dependent Means to Me." Application forms are available at the nearest commissary or can be downloaded at www.commissaries.com. A Frequently Asked Questions section can also be found at the Web site.

Fisher House Foundation is administering the Scholarships for Military Children program. Defense Commissary Agency and Fisher House are not involved in the selection of scholarship recipients. An independent contractor, Scholarship Managers, will select recipients on the basis of merit. Scholarship winners will be notified by April 30.

For more information, call 643-6950.

Editor's Note: Information provided by The Defense Commissary Agency.

Thunderbirds to fly over Super Bowl XXXV Sunday

Nellis Air Force Base will be represented at Super Bowl XXXV Sunday when the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, "Thunderbirds," perform a flyover during pre-game activities.

The team will fly its famous six-ship Thunderbird delta formation over Raymond James Stadium in Tampa Bay, Fla., at the conclusion of the National Anthem.

"This is a great opportunity to showcase the U.S. Air Force and Nellis Air Force Base to a global audience," said Lt. Col. John Venable, the team's commander-leader. "It is also an honor for us to represent Las Vegas and the state of Nevada at one of the world's largest and most anticipated annual sporting events."



Time to get your annual pap smear!

By Capt. (Dr.) Keith R. Brill
99th Medical Group
Ob/Gyn physician

In order to better serve our Nellis female population, the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital is holding special "pap smear only" Saturday clinic days. These special clinic sessions will be held at the Family Practice clinic.

• **Pap smear clinics** — Saturday Feb. 3

• **Times:** 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

• **Who should go?** Any female whose pap smear was over three years ago, or who is due for an annual pap.

• **How to make an appointment.** Call central appointments at 653-2778. Walk-in appointments will be made on a first-come first-served basis.

To better educate our population about pap smears, please refer to the following questions and answers:

Q: What is a pap smear?

A: A pap smear is an essential screening test that can help detect cancer of the cervix (the opening of the uterus) or can detect changes that could lead to cancer in the future. The health care provider will perform a pelvic exam, which includes taking a sample of cells from the cervix. These cells are then analyzed for abnormalities.

Q: So a pap smear will tell me if I have cervical cancer?

A: Yes, but this is not its only function. The vast majority of "abnormal" pap smear results are not cancer, but rather cervical changes referred to as dysplasia, which may lead to more serious problems in the future. By having these changes treated early, many people will never develop cervical cancer!

Q: Are there risk fac-

tors that could lead to cervical cancer or dysplasia?

A: Yes. These include smoking tobacco products, drinking alcohol heavily, having multiple sexual partners, having intercourse starting at an early age, a history of sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, gonorrhea, HPV (human papilloma virus), genital herpes, or genital warts. There are also other medical risk factors, which can be identified by your health care professional.

Q: Who should get a pap smear?

A: All women 18 years of age or older and any female who is sexually active should have a pap smear, regardless of age.

Q: How often should someone get a pap smear?

A: All women should have a pap smear every year until they have had three normal pap smears. After three normal tests, women

may have a pap smear every one to three years. However, anyone with a risk factor listed above should have a pap smear every year. Your health care provider can help develop a specific schedule based on your own personal medical history.

Q: What happens if I have an abnormal pap smear?

A: Your health care provider will notify you and explain the abnormality. In most cases, you will be referred to the Ob/Gyn clinic to undergo a more specialized exam called a colposcopy. This procedure allows viewing of the cervix with a microscope-type device in order to see where the abnormal cervix cells are. We can then treat the condition based on these test results.

Q: How do I schedule a pap smear?

A: Annual female wellness visits are sched-

uled in the Family Practice clinic, Flight Medicine clinic, Internal Medicine clinic and Ob/Gyn clinic. Appointments should be scheduled with the specific clinic where you see your assigned primary care provider. The Ob/Gyn clinic performs wellness exams based on availability. Also, all pregnant patients and those with prior abnormal pap smears have their pap smears done at the Ob/Gyn clinic. Call central appointments at 653-2778 to schedule an appointment.

Q: Are there other information sources available?

A: One excellent source of information is your health care provider. Other sources include the base library, as well as an excellent patient education web site at www.medem.com. This site has been approved by both the American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.



Rebuilding Together helps families in need

By Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi
AWFC Public Affairs

Formerly called Chirstmas in April, Rebuilding Together is designed to help a family or person in need by rebuilding, repairing or cleaning a home. Last year, Nellis sponsored six projects.

"This year we expect at least as many as last year," said Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Slone, project coordinator at Nellis. "If your organization would like to sponsor a project, please give me a call at 652-4003."

Each unit needs at least 25-30 volunteers with a variety of skills including carpentry, plumbing and electrical. Most of all, volunteers need a willingness to help and the ability to do manual labor.

According to Sgt. Slone, projects are divided into three categories – light, medium and heavy.

Heavy projects require the most effort and work and will need to start prior to this year's project day, April 28. Units need to quickly contact their unit first sergeants or Sgt. Slone so they can get projects selected and started soon. Each selected project will require someone to be appointed as one of the following:

- ◆Home ambassador – responsible for reassuring the homeowner and keeping them up-to-date on the project progress.

- ◆House captain – plans and schedules work on the project. They will also acquire materials needed for the project.

- ◆Volunteer coordinator – responsible for obtaining volunteer signatures on waivers. They will also need to get enough volunteers to cover the project.

"Nellis always does really well in these projects," said Sgt. Slone. "We just need to get on the ball and make this the best one yet."

Society to award grants and financial aid

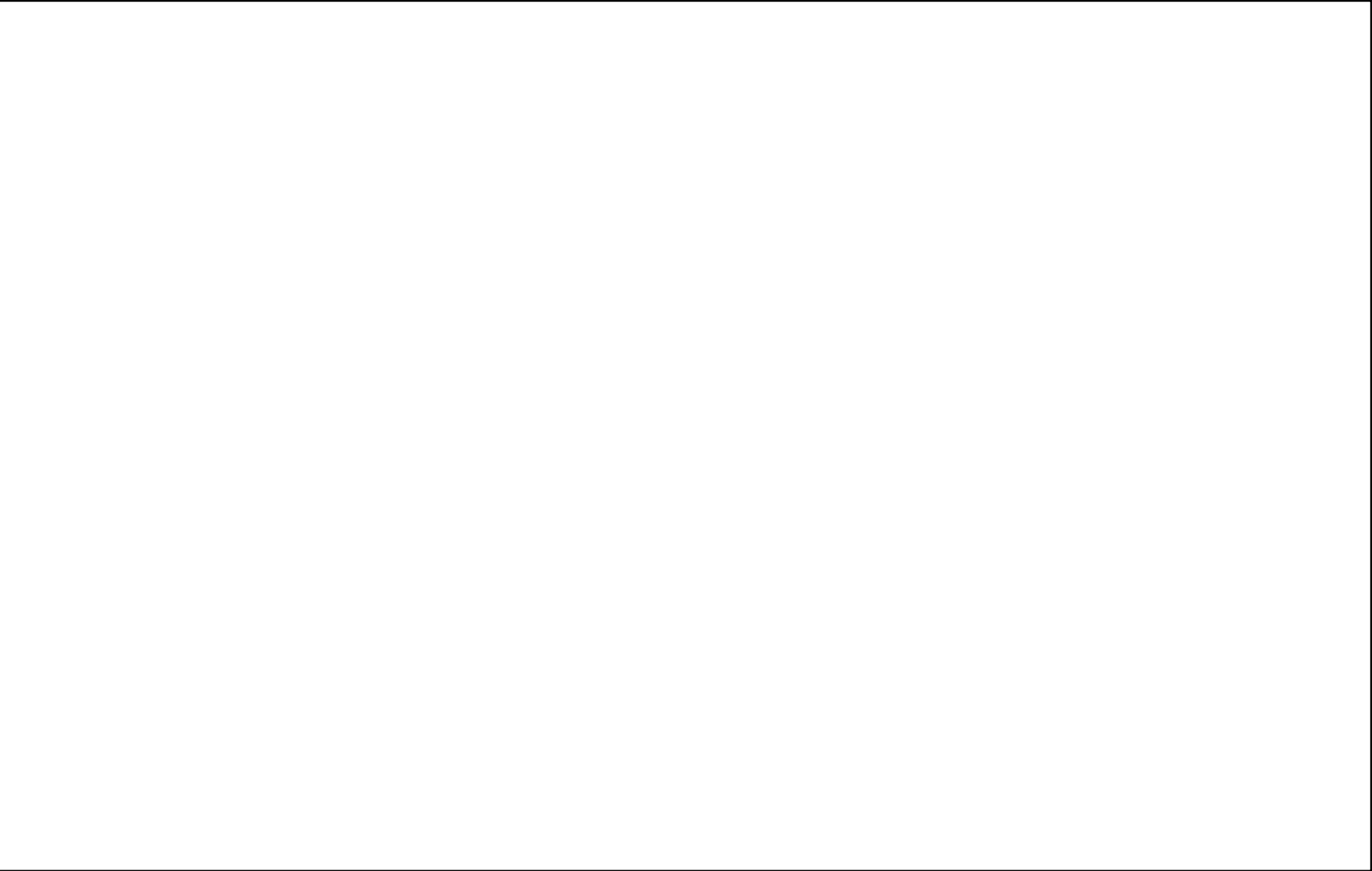
The Air Force Aid Society awarded \$7.5 million in education grants last year to 5,000 college students. The grant program, named in honor of Gen. Henry H. Arnold, was initiated by the Society's trustees in 1988 in response to the rising cost of higher education.

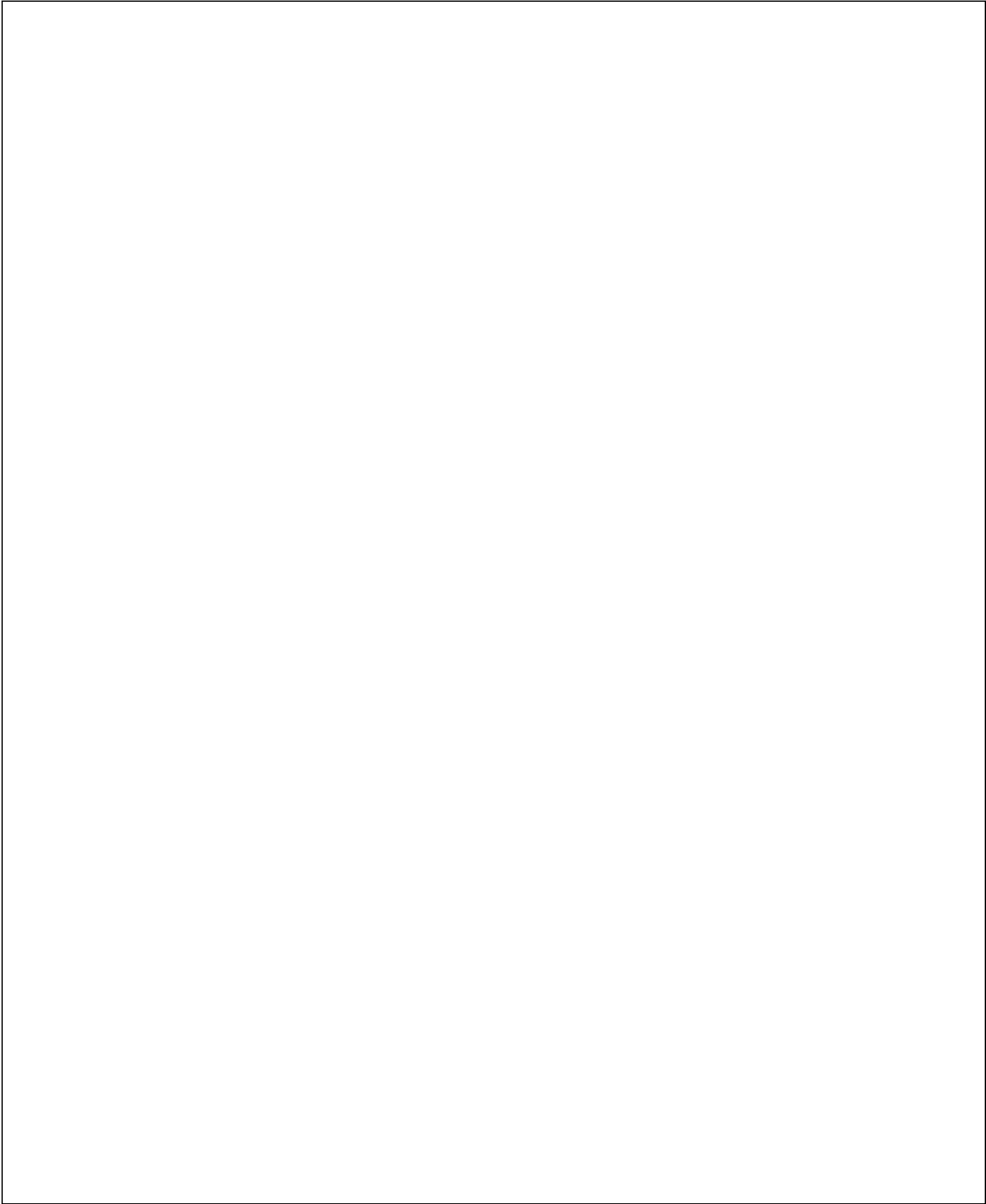
The society awards \$1,500 grants to sons and daughters of active duty, retired, or deceased Air Force members, spouses of active duty stationed stateside and widows of deceased members, and retired Reservists regardless of whether or not they are receiving retired pay.

Last year, 36 college-bound students from Nellis each received \$1,500 to help pay for their education. These young men and women had one thing in common other than their Air Force ties – they completed an Air Force Aid Society application for an education grant. Of course not everyone who applied received a grant, but more than 61 percent did. For the next academic year, the society hopes to award at least 5,000 grants.

Applications for the Air Force Aid Society's Education Grant program may be obtained at the Family Support Center. For additional information please contact the Air Force Aid Society representative, Mr. Jim Dillman, at 652-3327.

Editor's note: Information provided by the Air Force Aid Society.







January marks 10th anniversary of Desert Storm

By Brig. Gen. Allen Peck
363rd Air Expeditionary Wing
commander

PRINCE SULTAN AIR BASE, Southwest Asia (ACCNS) — This month marks the 10th anniversary of the onset of Operation Desert Storm, in which a broad international coalition used force to liberate an occupied Kuwait from the grasp of a regional bully.

The regional bully persists today, but in a much weaker and contained form, far less able to threaten the peaceful nations in the region than at any time since the Gulf War. While Baghdad has not embraced democracy, there is no doubt this region is a safer and better place due to the dedication and professionalism of the forces deployed to defend our interests.

Although our adversary to the north remains familiar, the last 10 years has been a period of significant change, as the world's militaries grappled with post-Cold War realities. After the Gulf War, the U.S. military reorga-

nized and downsized, maintaining its lethality in reduced form.

The Air Force has recognized the contribution of space-based assets, placed added emphasis on information operations, and reinvigorated our approach to command and control of airpower. Although with noticeable growing pains, we recently began the transition into an "expeditionary" force, which in the long term will increase predictability for military families and improve the capabilities of deployed forces.

Operation Southern Watch began as a short-term effort to protect the Shiite populations in southern Iraq. U.S. aircraft have flown more than 200,000 sorties in support of this operation, which has patrolled the southern no-fly zone since August 1992.

The operation has evolved into a key component of national policy in the region. By limiting training opportunities for the Iraqi air force, the no-fly zones have contributed to the steady decline in Iraq's military capabilities. The operation also pro-



The First Cavalry Division artillery fires against Iraqi targets in the Wadi Al - Batin during Operation "Red Storm," a night artillery and attack helicopter raid conducted in the Ruqi Pocket on Feb. 16, 1991. (File photo)

vides valuable intelligence on Iraqi force movements, giving an invaluable additional margin of warning regarding po-

tential threats to Kuwait.

The 363rd Air Expeditionary Wing has evolved as well. We've taken quantum leaps in our quality of life, upgrading from tents to trailers to, in many cases, hard billets. The combat capability of this warfighting organization is second to none — last year alone we safely and effectively flew nearly 12,000 sorties in support of Joint Task Force Southwest Asia's important mission.

We've seen our share of tragedy during the last 10 years: 19 members of this wing were killed and hundreds wounded in the terrorist bombing of Khobar Towers in 1996. The attack on the U.S.S. Cole last October once again reminds us of the dangers associated with defending freedom and protecting national interests in this part of the world.

Let no one underestimate our resolve to deter aggression against our allies or against us. The world is a better place because of the sacrifices 363rd members are making every day in a volatile region far from home.

Our work here is far from over. But patience and diligence among the coalition nations will eventually lead to regional security and prosperity, as we set out to do 10 years ago. Thanks to the efforts of those deployed here and their predecessors, we are getting closer to the goal every day.



A B-52 from Barksdale Air Force Base, La., demonstrates its awesome firepower during a training mission. The B-52, along with F-117s, F-4s, A-10s, F-15s, F-16s and many other types of aircraft, were used to expel the Iraqis from Kuwait. (File photo)



Beware of CLEP test scams

Many members of the Armed Forces have paid for educational services that could have been provided free of charge. Door-to-door salespersons charge from \$1,800 to \$2,200 for study guides and practice tests for College Level Examination Program tests, encyclopedias, health dictionaries and other similar products. Through high-pressure sales tactics, individuals and families are convinced to sign binding contracts for these materials.

Unfortunately, sometimes military members themselves unknowingly assist these salespersons through word-of-mouth in the workplace. Some of these companies make it a practice to use the CLEP name, giving the consumer the erroneous impression that the product is created, or at least sanctioned by CLEP. As a result, the Col-

lege Board, a national organization that provides a virtual buffet of information on college-related services, has begun to print a message in all of its publications concerning these unauthorized, overpriced study aids.

If you wish to gain information on any of the available testing programs, distance learning programs, or any other educational matter, contact the Base Education Center at 652-5280. Also, feel free to consult the Education Center staff before purchasing any materials that pertain to post-secondary educational matters.

In any case, when making a purchase of any kind, "*caveat emptor*," or "let the buyer beware." It pays to do your homework.

Editor's note: Information provided by the Base Education Office.

Military briefs

ROTC opportunities

The Air Force Personnel Center has announced a supplemental list of AFROTC special duty assignments available this summer for first lieutenants, captains and majors. For more information, go to the assignments home page and look under career broadening at <http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/careerbroad/rotc/html> or call Military Personnel Flight customer service at 652-9073 for a list of vacancies.

Guard vacancies

The Massachusetts Air National Guard is seeking active-duty people to fill full- and part-time vacancies. Benefits include free tuition to all state colleges and universities. You will also receive your active-duty Montgomery GI Bill benefits. If we can't place you in your current Air Force specialty code, re-training is available. If you're interested in a Palace Chase or Front assignment, call DSN 256-7467 or toll-free at 1-888-301-3103, ext. 7467, e-mail to: peter.gorman@mabarn.ang.af.mil, or visit the Web site at <http://www.state.ma.us/guard/>.

Retirements

Retirement ceremony for Lt. Col. Douglas Miller, chief of the Nellis command post, is Jan. 29 at 1 p.m. at the Officer's Club. For more information, call Lt. Michelle Estes at 652-2446.

57th Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Isaac Moore invites the Nellis community to attend his retirement ceremony today at 3 p.m. at the Thunderbird hangar.



Warrior of the Week

Senior Airman Erica Yost



Unit: 57th Component Repair Squadron

Duty Title: Avionics component technician

Hometown: Hawaii Kai, Oahu, Hawaii

Time in Air Force: 2 years

Time at Nellis: 1 year

Hobbies: Reading, visiting with friends, hiking, jogging

What's my favorite Air Force memory? When I went on the flightline for the first time, I could see how our individual jobs were part of the greater mission.

If I could improve one thing on Nellis? I would not change a thing about Nellis.



Photo by Senior Airman Chris Flahive



***Intramural basketball
league Jan. 19 standings***

American league

Team	Record
1. 99 SFS#1	7-0
2. 99 CES#2	5-1
3. 57 EMS	6-2
4. 99 SVS	5-3
5. 820 RH	5-2
6. 99 COMM	4-3
7. USAFADS	4-3
8. 57 EAGLE	3-4
9. 15 RS	3-3
10. 57 OSS	3-3
11. 66 RQS	1-6
12. 99 CONS	0-8

National league

Team	Record
1. 99 CES#1	6-0
2. 99 CPTS	6-2
3. USAR	6-2
4. 99 MED GP	3-4
5. 99 SUP	3-4
6. AFRTC	3-5
7. 57 FALCON	2-3
8. 99 SFS#2	3-4
9. 57 LSS	1-4
10. 57 CRS	0-5
11. 11 RS	1-7

For more information, contact Airman 1st Class Kevin Smith at 652-6437.

Super Bowl parties

The Super Bowl parties start at 2 p.m. Sunday at both the Time Out Sports Bar & Grill and the Officers' Club. The Time Out offers food and beverage specials and a free taco bar and hot dogs at half time. There will be prize drawings at the end of each quarter. Prizes include a Miller Lite can refrigerator and Coors Light snowboard. The Officers' Club Football Frenzy Super Bowl party will have all four big-screen TVs playing the game in the ball-room. The cost is \$10 per person for unlimited hot dogs, chili, nachos, wings, and more. Prizes will be given during the game, including a \$150 club card credit.

Bonanza Beverage and Coors Light sponsor Super Bowl parties. SatoTravel, Miller Brewing Company, American Airlines, Comfort Inn (for regular-season game only), Double Tree Alana Waikiki (for Pro Bowl only) and Pioneer Military Lending sponsor Football Frenzy. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.





**Base Theater
652-5020**

Today

Bounce (PG-13)

Ben Affleck, Gwyneth Paltrow

**Saturday, Sunday,
Monday**

Vertical Limit (PG-13)

*Chris O'Donnell,
Robin Tunney*

Thursday

Almost Famous (R)

Billy Crudup, Frances McDormand

**** The theater is
closed Tuesday and
Wednesday.****

Show times

Unless otherwise indicated,
all show times are 7 p.m. with

Saturday matinees at 1 p.m.
To subscribe to the e-mail
mail list, send your requests
to angel1m@lvcn.com.

**Chapel
652-2950**

**Weekly schedule:
Catholic worship**

Mass: Monday through Fri-
day, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday: Reconciliation,
4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday: Mass, 9:45 a.m.
and 12:30 p.m.

Protestant worship

Sunday: Gospel service,
8 a.m. Traditional service,
11:15 a.m.

Classes/Activities

Religious education

**Catholic religious educa-
tion classes** for ages 3
through 12th grade are
Sundays from 8:20 to 9:30
a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12:10

p.m. For more information,
call 652-5953.

RCIA, for any adult inter-
ested in becoming a Catho-
lic, is Sundays at 1:45 p.m.
in the Chapel Annex. For
more information, call 651-
6587.

**Protestant religious educa-
tion classes** (18 months to
adult) are Sundays from 9:35
to 10:50 a.m. For more in-
formation, call 652-7950.

Young Adult Ministry (for-
merly Singles) meets Tues-
days 6 to 7:15 p.m. in the
Chapel Annex. For more in-
formation, call 644-6568.

Men of the Chapel meet
the first and third Tuesdays
of each month at 11:30 a.m.
in the Chapel basement.

**Protestant Youth of the
Chapel** meets Sundays at
1:30 p.m. in the Chapel
basement.

**Widows in the Neighbor-
hood** monthly activities in-

clude lunches, local tours
and attending perfor-
mances. For more infor-
mation, call 459-1324 or
453-4858.

Bible study is Wednesdays
at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel
Annex. For more informa-
tion, call 459-1324 or 453-
4858.

**Christian Military Fellow-
ship** joins Officers' Chris-
tian Fellowship in providing
weekly Bible studies to all
ranks. To find one near you,
call 656-8707.

**The National Prayer Lun-
cheon** will be held on Feb.
20 at 11:30 a.m. in the En-
listed Club. Tickets are \$5
for all ranks and can be pur-
chased through first ser-
geants or the base chapel.
For more information, call
Senior Airman Shauntae
Reed at 652-9429.

**"Lord, I Want to Know
You"** is a study of the
names and character of
God. Classes are Thurs-

days from 10 a.m. to noon
and 7 to 9 p.m. For more
information call 643-
5981.

Annual ski retreat

The Nellis chapel is spon-
soring its annual Ski Re-
treat weekend to Brian
Head, Utah, Feb. 2-4. For
prices and tickets, call 652-
5586.

**Education
Center
652-5280**

CCAF

Attention spring graduates!
If you will be graduating this
spring from the Community
College of the Air Force, you
must submit all your docu-
ments to the Education Cen-
ter not later than Feb. 16. If
you have any questions
about your graduation eligi-
bility or would like to ensure

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you are "good to go", please give us a call at 652-5280 to schedule an appointment with our counselor.

AECP expands list

Jan. 1 the Air Force authorized an expansion of majors for the Airmen's Education Commissioning Program. In addition to several engineering and technical majors, foreign language, foreign areas of studies, mathematics, meteorology, nursing and physics majors are also authorized. AECP authorizations will increase steadily through FY04. Now's the time to start thinking about submitting your package for next year's board! Call 652-5280 to learn more about AECP.

University of Oklahoma

Complete your master's degree "Sooner" with the University of Oklahoma! There are two classes left in the Spring 2001 semester. PSC 5192, Comparative Administration, starts Feb. 24, so make sure you register by today. PSC 5102, Organizations: Design, Structure and Process, begins March 31. Deadline to enroll for this course is March 1. OU offers the master of public administration, a 36-hour professional degree program which may be completed in less than 2 years. For more information, call 652-9453 or e-mail apnellis@ou.edu.

Scholarships

The Las Vegas chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers sponsors two \$500 scholarships for graduating high school seniors entering the financial/resource management field. Qualifying courses of study are business administration, economics, public administration, computer science, operations research directly related to financial management, accounting, and finance. Students should apply using the Clark County School District scholarship application provided by their high school guidance counselor. Also required are: two letters of recommendation (high school principal or academic dean and a high school teacher), tran-

script to include SAT or ACT scores and an essay of 250 words or less addressing career/academic goals and financial need. Scholarship applications must be mailed to: ASMC, P.O. Box 9775, Las Vegas NV 89191. All entries must be received by March 12. For more information, call Ms. Phyllis Cooper at 652-7492.

**Family Support
Center
652-3327**

Money seminar

Making (and keeping) money in the millennium: Would you like to have a little more money? Or a "nest egg" or a little money to invest? Or even money for a real vacation or a new computer? This seminar will show you ways you can make and save money in the millennium. Three sessions will be held with speakers, activities, videos, and informal discussions. You can sign up for just one or all three classes. The first class, *Finding Money to Save*, is today from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The second class, *Don't Stop Spending, Modify It*, is Feb. 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The third class, *What You Don't Know Can Hurt You and Your Credit Report*, is March 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fiscal fitness

Are you fiscally fit? Do you want to start or add to a savings or investment plan? Find money for those little "extras?" Wipe out debt? Come to *In and Out Budget*. This class is held every Monday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Bring your leave and earnings statement or other pay statements, receipts, checkbook, bills, a calculator, etc. We will help you compile the numbers and complete the financial readiness forms. Then, we'll sign you up for a free financial check-up so you can set up your own fiscal fitness plan.

Job search seminar

Need help with your job search or want more information about the Las Vegas job market? Come to *Job Search in Las Vegas* and see how the career focus program can help with resumes, interviewing tech-

niques, and networking. Classes are Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Register for our easy and effective computerized job bank. For more information, call 652-3327.

Predeployment

Predeployment briefings are held every Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. This briefing is designed to help members of the Nellis community prepare for a deployment or remote assignment. It also includes the *Hearts Apart* morale call program registration. Spouses are invited (and encouraged) to attend.

Transition assistance

The Transition Assistance program is a 3-day workshop to help prepare for civilian life. The workshop is offered in conjunction with the departments of Labor and Veterans Affairs and targeted at retiring or separating personnel. Registration is required and class size is limited. For more information, call 652-3327.

**HAWC
653-3375**

HAWC hours

The Health and Wellness Center will have new hours of operation beginning Monday. The new hours will be 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call the HAWC.

Quit smoking

Is your New Year's resolution to quit smoking? The Health and Wellness Center has some tobacco cessation opportunities. There is a 5-week Tobacco Cessation class offered every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The NicoDerm Patch and Zyban can be prescribed for eligible beneficiaries. Class sessions offer information on weight management, stress management and other valuable tips to keep you on the road to a smoke-free life. For more information, call 653-3375/3376.

Arthritis workout

This class is an arthritis activity designed to sustain and improve joint mobility, tone muscles, im-

prove posture and relaxation through gentle, voluntary exercise in a fun group setting. Participants will be screened to determine their level of arthritis. The class is Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. at the HAWC.

Massage therapy

Massage therapy has many health benefits. It is a great stress management tool, can reduce blood pressure and increase circulation. The Health and Wellness Center offers full-body massage and back-rub therapy by a nationally certified therapist. Appointments are available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Schedule an appointment by calling the HAWC.

**Nellis Boys
& Girls Club
652-9307**

Cooking classes

Ages 11 through 18 can be creative in the kitchen. Hands-on cooking is at 2 p.m. and cake decorating is at 4 p.m. Saturdays in January at the Boys & Girls Club. Cost for each class is \$10 per month.

Bowling tourney

Tournament is Saturday at the Nellis Bowling Center starting at 2 p.m. Ages 5 through 18 can participate for \$1.50 and must register by 1 p.m. Shoe rental is free. Volunteers are also needed. Pre-registration runs through Saturday at the Boys & Girls Club. For more information, call Mr. Reese Davis.

Baby-sitter club

Looking to earn extra money? The Baby-sitter Club is an ongoing program for ages 12 through 18. It meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

**Tickets & Tours
652-6436**

Drew Carey Show

Come see a taping of the

Drew Carey Show and tour the Warner Brothers studio Feb 21. Price is \$70 per person and a \$25 deposit fee is required when reserving. For more information, call 652-2192.

**Thrift Shop
644-3777**

Consignments

Clean out those closets and make some extra money. Bring items and a valid I.D. to the Thrift Shop, open Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to consign items. Checks for consignments are mailed to the home address. The shop is open until 2 p.m. for sales.

**Volunteer
Opportunities**

Thrift Shop

For those who have a little extra time on their hands, the Thrift Shop needs volunteers. For more information, call the Thrift Shop at 644-3777.

Drivers needed

The Skills Development Center needs drivers to deliver Valentine Day bouquets on base, in Areas II and III and in Manch Manor housing Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vehicles will be provided. Interested individuals can call Ms. Stephanie Pittman at 652-2849.

Go For It Classic

Volunteers are need to help set-up and take-down equipment at the 2001 Go For It Classic gymnastic competition at the Texas Station Casino Feb. 1-4. This year's event will host more than 650 of the greatest and upcoming gymnasts that the country has to offer, with the addition of two Canadian teams. We are in need of several people to help the GFIC get off to a great start. The Texas Station Convention Center is located on the corner of Lake Mead and Rancho Blvd. All those intersted in helping out should call Senior Airman Christine Mahler at 652-5113.









